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SUBJECT:GSL REQUEST FOR ERTS IMAGERY AND OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SRI LANKA

REF: COLOMBO 1822

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED EROS DATA CENTER, SIOUX FALLS,
SOUTH DAKOTA, PRINCIPAL REPOSITORY FOR ERTS SATELLITE IMAGES
AND PHOTOGRAPHS. COMPUTER PRINTOUT OF SRI LANKA - RELATED
MATERIAL IS BEING FORWARDED TO US FOR APPROPRIATE SELECTION.
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO OTHER AND MORE DIRECT WAY OF
ORDERING REQUESTED ITEMS AS NASA/WASHINGTON IS DEPENDENT ON
SAME SOURCE.

2. PROCESSING CHARGES VARY DEPENDING ON SIZE OF DESIRED
IMAGE, ON WHETHER B/W OR COLOR WANTED, AND, IN CASE OF
PHOTOS, ON TYPE OF CAMERA USED. THERE IS \$50 CHARGE FOR
PROCESSING IN COLOR IMAGES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ONLY IN B/W.
NANAYAKKARA MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING FEES:

A) ERTS I IMAGERY COVERING WHOLE OF SRI LANKA IN MSS
BANDS 4 THROUGH 7 --

7.3 INCHES, B/W - \$2 PER BAND; \$8 FOR SET OF FOUR

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14.6 INCHES, B/W - \$5 PER BAND; \$20 FOR SET OF FOUR

29.2 INCHES, B/W - \$12 PER BAND; \$48 FOR SET OF FOUR

B) COLOR COMPOSITE (POSITIVE) OF ABOVE ERTS IMAGERY
ON SCALE OF 1:500,000 - \$15 FOR A THREE BAND COMPOSITE.

C) SKYLAB COLOR PHOTOS- SIZES AND PRICES VARY FROM
4.5 INCH NEGATIVE - \$4, POSITIVE - \$2, TO 25.6 INCH AND
34.4 INCH POSITIVES - EACH \$30.

3. NANAYAKKARA SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE
THAT IMAGERY COVERING ALL OR PART OF ISLAND IN FACT IS
AVAILABLE, OR THAT EXHIBIT - LIKE QUALITY CAN BE ASSURED.
THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF SKYLAB PHOTOS. NORMAL PROCESS-
ING AND DELIVERY TO WASHINGTON IS 3 TO 5 WEEKS FOLLOWING
SELECTION OF DESIRED ITEMS. PRIORITY PROCESSING (I.E. WITH-
IN 5 WORKING DAYS) CAN BE OBTAINED AT THREE TIMES RATES
SET FORTH ABOVE. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE, PRESUMABLY THROUGH
GSL EMBASSY, BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, NASA INFORMS US THAT FUNDING RESERVED
FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH GSL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
CANNOT BE DIVERTED TO OTHER PURPOSES.

5. BOTH WE AND CEYLONese EMBASSY AGREE THAT ACTUAL SELECT-
ION FROM COMPUTER LISTING SHOULD BE MADE BY CEYLONese.
IN CASE TIME DOES NOT PERMIT SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IN
COLOMBO TO MAKE FINAL CHOICE WE WOULD PLAN ON HAVING LOCAL
EMBASSY SELECT WHAT IT JUDGES TO BE APPROPRIATE MATERIAL
FOR NANAYAKKARA. KISSINGER

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